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In re Application of:

MASAMI KATO

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CONTROL APPARATUS AND
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COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows: